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BIZARRO! THIS IMPERFECT DUPLICATE OF SUPERMAN THINKS UP IS DOWN AND BLACK IS WHITE. YET, WEIRDLY, HE'S NOT THE MOST DISTURBED PERSON IN THIS ISSUE!
AND IN THIS LANE, WE HAVE THE PSYCHOTIC SON OF A SERIAL KILLER: ZOOM, THE REVERSE FLASH, SO FAST THAT HE CONTROLS THE STREAM OF TIME.
I'M BIZARRO
ALSO NOT THE MOST DISTURBED PERSON IN THIS ISSUE!
ON MARK, SET, STOP!
LOSER TAKE ALL!
WATCHING FROM THE BLEACHERS, THE CHEETAH'S LUST FOR POWER IS INSATIABLE, AND SHE HUNTS HUMAN BEINGS FOR THE SHEER, CRUEL THRILL OF IT.
NOPE, NOT HER, EITHER.
THEY'RE RACING?
MAY I ASK WHY?
BIZARRRRRRRO REFUSSSSED TO JOIN OUR SSSSSOCIETY, LEX.
ZOOOOOM TOOK OFFENSSSSE.
AH, LUTHOR! THE MAN WHO HAD THE VISION AND COURAGE TO FORM THE LARGEST SOCIETY OF SUPERVILLAINS IN HISTORY?
GUESS AGAIN.
SO, BIZARRO WILL AGREE TO JOIN IF...
...HE WINS. OR LOSESSS. I'M NOT SSSSSURE.
HE GIVESSSS MEEEE A HEADAAAACHE.
VERY WELL. KEEP ME INFORMED. AND GET A NEW TRANSMITTER. THIS ONE SLURS YOUR S'S.
AND AS IF THAT WEREN'T ENOUGH, A GROUP OF HYPNOTIZED METROPOLIS CITIZENS HAVE DECIDED THEY LOVE SUPERMAN ENOUGH TO DIE FOR HIM.
...ALMOST TOUCHED HIM.
I THINK I'M BREATHING HIS AIR!
FINE SET OF KNOTS HE TIED. BET HE WAS A SCOUT!
YOU GUESSED IT, READER! IT'S NONE OF THESE PEOPLE, EITHER!
COULD THIS BE THE MOST DAMAGED AND DANGEROUS MAN IN ALL OF METROPOLIS?
I'M AFRAID I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
WAIT, LET US ADJUST THE CAMERA ANGLE TO SOMETHING MORE THREATENING...

SOMETHING'S HAPPENING HERE.
THE SUPERPOWERED CRIMINALS ARE BECOMING BOLDER, ALMOST AS IF LUTHOR'S ABSENCE HAS MADE THEM STRONGER SOMEHOW. MORE ORGANIZED.
ON THE FARM, SOMETIMES THE CORN WOULD BECOME INFECTED WITH A FUNGUS CALLED CERCOSPORA ZEAE-MAYDIS, OR GREY LEAF SPOT.
WHEN THAT HAPPENED, THERE WAS ONLY ONE SOLUTION.
LAST WARNING, ADAM.
SURRENDER.
NOW.
RIP IT OUT BY THE ROOT.
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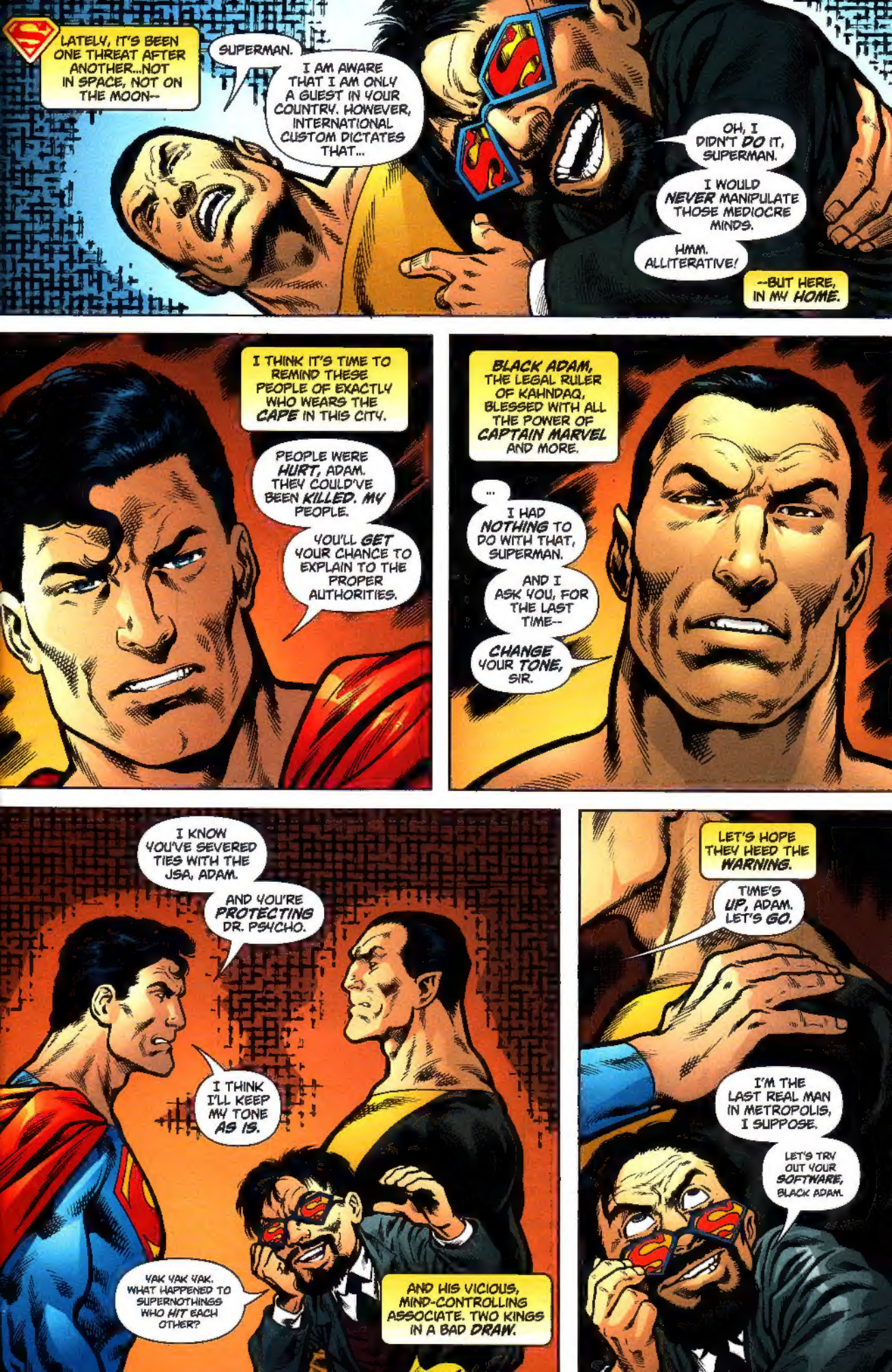
LATELY, IT'S BEEN ONE THREAT AFTER ANOTHER...NOT IN SPACE, NOT ON THE MOON--
SUPERMAN.
I AM AWARE THAT I AM ONLY A GUEST IN YOUR COUNTRY. HOWEVER, INTERNATIONAL CUSTOM DICTATES THAT...
OH, I DIDN'T DO IT, SUPERMAN.
I WOULD NEVER MANIPULATE THOSE MEDIOCRE MINDS.
HMM. ALLITERATIVE!
--BUT HERE, IN MY HOME.
I THINK IT'S TIME TO REMIND THESE PEOPLE OF EXACTLY WHO WEARS THE CAPE IN THIS CITY.
PEOPLE WERE HURT, ADAM. THEY COULD'VE BEEN KILLED. MY PEOPLE.
YOU'LL GET YOUR CHANCE TO EXPLAIN TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES.
BLACK ADAM, THE LEGAL RULER OF KAHNDAQ, BLESSED WITH ALL THE POWER OF CAPTAIN MARVEL AND MORE.
...
I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT, SUPERMAN.
AND I ASK YOU, FOR THE LAST TIME--
CHANGE YOUR TONE, SIR.
I KNOW YOU'VE SEVERED TIES WITH THE JSA, ADAM.
AND YOU'RE PROTECTING DR. PSYCHO.
I THINK I'LL KEEP MY TONE AS IS.
YAK YAK YAK. WHAT HAPPENED TO SUPERNOTHINGS WHO HIT EACH OTHER?
AND HIS VICIOUS, MIND-CONTROLLING ASSOCIATE. TWO KINGS IN A BAD DRAW.
LET'S HOPE THEY HEED THE WARNING.
TIME'S UP, ADAM. LET'S GO.
I'M THE LAST REAL MAN IN METROPOLIS, I SUPPOSE.
LET'S TRY OUT YOUR SOFTWARE, BLACK ADAM.

I SAID STAND DOWN, KRYPTONIAN!
UGHGHGH.
THIS TOWN HAS AN APPALLING WAY OF TREATING TOURISTS, I SAY.
DEAR SUPERMAN!
I'D LIKE A REFUND IN BLOOD, PLEASE!

WELL. NOW I KNOW.

HITS HARDER THAN CAPTAIN MARVEL, TOO.

THERE'S SOMETHING I CAN'T TELL EVEN LOIS.

HOW CAREFUL I HAVE TO BE...THE CAUTION I HAVE TO SHOW EVERY TIME I TOUCH A HUMAN BEING.

IF MY ATTENTION WAVERS, THEIR BONES BECOME TOOTHPICKS, AND THEIR FLESH JUST TISSUE.

HOW *FORTUNATE* IT IS, THEN, THAT NOW, WHEN I'M THE *MOST TICKED OFF*...

YOU DID THAT!

RING-A-DING-*DING*, ADAM.

...WITH *ADAM*--

--I HAVE *NO SUCH CONCERNS.*

METROPOLIS IS ONLY GOING TO GET DARKER, READER...SO PERHAPS WE SHOULD CHECK IN ON OUR RACE, HMMM?
YOU AM SANE! SECOND TRILOGY OF FILMS FAR SUPERIOR!
YOUUUUU SICKENMMEEEEEE, MONNNNNSTERR.
ITDISSSGUSTS MEEETO BE IN YOURVICINNNITY.
THAT AM BRILLIANT INSULT! ME SO HAPPY ME COULD RIP YELLOWSUIT FACE OFF.
TAAAAKECARRREE, FOOOL.
TEMMPEERRRR YOURRR WORDS TOMEEEE.
"HOWEVER...I DOOOOHAVEAAAAAAA AAA REQUEST.
"TERRIBLE! ASK AWAY, MOST TREASURED IDIOT PAL!"
"WOULD YOOOOOU CONSIDDDEERRRRRR...
"...RUNNNNING A STRAIGHTLIIIIIINE FOR A WHIIIIIILLLLLE, YOOOU BRAINDEADDD ABOMMMMMINATION?"

"WHAT'S THE WORD I'M LOOKING FOR, HERE...LIKE 'MAGNETIC,' BUT NOT SO OBVIOUS?"
I DON'T KNOW... 'ALLURING?'
YES! PERFECT.
"...AT FIRST UNAWARE THAT DOCTOR POLARIS HAD SUBCONSCIOUSLY CREATED AN EVEN MORE POWERFUL, YET ENTIRELY FICTIONAL, IDENTITY, THE CRUEL AND ALLURING FEMME FATALE REPULSE."
I HAVE TO SAY, I'M FEELING PRETTY OVERWHELMED TAKING OVER MR. KENT'S BEAT AND ALL...BUT WORKING WITH YOU--
--WELL, LET'S JUST SAY I APPRECIATE IT, MR. SCHUMAN. A LOT.
IT'S YOU WHO'RE HELPING ME, JIMMY. I BARELY KNOW THIS TOWN.
SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND, PARTNER?
WELL, YES. ACTUALLY.
WHEN SUPERMAN WAS FIGHTING THAT CRAZY, WE CHASED HIM, I UNDERSTAND THAT. WE'RE JOURNALISTS IN METROPOLIS.
I GET THAT.
BUT, JIMMY--YOU FACED THAT CREATURE WITH NOTHING BUT A BASEBALL BAT. YOU HIT IT IN THE HEAD. I STRESS AGAIN, YOU HIT IT IN THE HEAD.
SO I HAVE TO KNOW, SON.
ARE YOU GOING TO STAY THAT CARELESS?

ARE YOU GOING TO GET MY PARTNER DEAD?
IS THAT ALL YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT? HECK, I'VE BEEN IN LOTS MORE DANGEROUS SITUATIONS. TONS.
BEEN HURT A FEW TIMES. RUIN PUT ME IN THE HOSPITAL JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO.
BUT, YOU KNOW, THIS IS MY JOB.
AND THIS GUY'S MY PAL.
HE'D DO IT FOR ME.
BUT TO RISK YOUR LIFE, JIMMY...
SUPES
BUT...
ENOUGH CHITCHAT, GENTLEMEN. SUPERMAN'S DOWNTOWN RIGHT NOW GOING TEN ROUNDS WITH THE LEADER OF A SOVEREIGN NATION. IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, THAT'S NEWS.
GO MAKE MY FRONT PAGE BEAUTIFUL.
BUT WE'RE STILL FINISHING THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE DR. POLARIS PIECE...
GO, BOY!
GOT IT, CHIEF!
DON'T CALL ME...
GOOD HUSTLE, OLSEN.
UH, PER...MR. WHITE, I WONDER IF I COULD SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETH...
SCHUMAN, I KNOW YOU'RE NEW HERE, BUT THE DEAL AT THE PLANET IS, WAS, AND ALWAYS WILL BE--
--I SAY NEWS, YOU SAY I'M ALREADY GONE.
ARE WE CLEAR ON THIS TOPIC?
UH...
MOVE, MISTER!

WE NEED TO KNOW EVERYTHING THE GOVERNMENT KNOWS ABOUT PSYCHO AND ADAM. CIA, CHECKMATE, STATE DEPARTMENT...
MRS. FIRST LADY, SURELY THERE'S SOME STRING YOU HAVEN'T YET PULLED...?

PLEASE DON'T CALL ME THAT, LOIS. IF IT WAS EVER TRUE--
--IT ISN'T ANY-MORE.
WHY COME TO ME FOR THIS INFORMATION? WHY NOT THE JLA?

TWO REASONS, LANA. FIRST, THE LAST TIME CLARK WAS ATTACKED BY A MIND-CONTROLLER, THE ENTIRE JLA TRIED TO PUT HIM IN QUARANTINE.
I WON'T HAVE THAT AGAIN.

AND SECOND, I KNOW YOU LOVE HIM STILL.

AND YOU'D NEVER LET ANY HARM COME TO HIM, IF YOU COULD HELP IT.
LOIS, I...
THIS IS GENERAL BREMMER SPEAKIN', WHAT CAN I DO YA FOR?

I'M SURPRISED AT YOU, GENERAL. IS THAT HOW THE PENTAGON ADDRESSES THE FORMER FIRST LADY?
WHAT? UH, NO, MA'AM! I MEAN...
I MEAN, PARDON ME, UH...
SORRY?

GET.
OFF ME.
BY ALL THAT IS HOLY, GET AWAY!
PUNCHES LAND WITH THE VOLUME OF CANNON BLASTS AND THE IMPACT OF A SMALL BOMB.
I AM INNOCENT, SUPERMAN. I WILL NOT TELL YOU AGAIN.
THAT'S NOT WHAT SHRAPNEL SAID, ADAM.
GOT TO MOVE THIS BATTLE TO HIGHER GROUND.
YEAH, SEE, IT WAS COOKED UP BY THOSE TWO. PSYCHO WAS SUPPOSED TA BRAINWARSH THE STRAIGHTS.
THEN ADAM COMES IN AND CLEANS YER CLOCK, WHILE YOU'RE DOING YOUR USUAL WEEPY WILLY ACT WHAT YOU ALWAYS DO WHEN SOMEONE KICKS IT.
I'M JUST THE OPENIN' ACT DISTRACTION, BLUE.
"IT'S LIKE A TEST, SEE? TA SEE IF ALL THAT CRAZY CRUD THAT HAPPENED TO YOUR BRAIN MADE YOU ANY EASIER TO PUMMEL."
OOOOFPPHH.
HE TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR 'TEST,' ADAM.
HOW AM I DOING, SO FAR?
I... URHHH.
...KNOW NO ONE BY THE NAME "SHRAPNEL."

ESCAPE, OR WATCH? ESCAPE, OR WATCH?
=SIGH=
THE SACRIFICES A TRULY GREAT SADIST HAS TO MAKE ARE OFTEN UNHERALDED BY HISTORY.
OH, MAN ALIVE, IT'S LIKE THEY'RE BEGGING ME TO SHOOT THEM! ARE YOU TAKING NOTES?
I'M TAKING, I'M TAKING!
SHOULDN'T WE MOVE MAYBE, A BIT FARTHER BACK?
YOU'VE GOT TO STOP WORRYING, MR. SCHUMAN. SUPERMAN'S REALLY CAREFUL ABOUT THIS STUFF. YOU'LL BE FINE!
I WASN'T WORRIED ABOUT ME. I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU, YOU CRAZY CUB!

I THOUGHT WE'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT THESE TWO, DIDN'T YOU?
CONTINUE! ME AM HAVE FIRM IDEA OF WHAT PLACE THIS IS NOT! SO DON'T EXPLAIN, STUPID JERK BUDDY!
IT'S...SOOOOMESORT OF VINEYARD, OBVIOUSLY. I ASSUME WE'REIN THEEEEE CHAMPAGNEREEEEEGION OF FRANNNNNNNCE.
SO SAD! EXCELLENT!
DELICIOUS VINES ARE RUINED BY DISGUSTING TERRIBLE GRAPES! ME AM HERO OF FRANCE!
DESPISED BY ALL, LIKE SICKENING BELOVED BROTHER SUPERMAN!
THE SOCIEETYYYY WOULDDDD BEEE BETTERROFFF WITHYOOOU DEAD, CREATTURRRRE.
IT AM TERRIBLE VINTAGE, HAVE GREAT NOSE, ALSO GREAT SPLEEN AND KIDNEY!
SMALL HINT OF OAK MAKE FOR DELIGHTFUL FINISH TO THIS GALLANT LITTLE TIPPLE!
FRANCE AM AWESOME!
YOOOOOOU'D BETTERBEEEEE WORTH IT, BEASTTTTT.
IFFFFNOTTTT, I'LLLDDISSPOOSSSE OFYOOOU MYSELFFF.

I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
WHY WOULD THE GOVERNMENT KEEP THIS INFORMATION FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE? FROM THE JLA?
BELIEVE IT, LOIS. MY SOURCE WOULDN'T GO ON THE RECORD, BUT HE WOULDN'T LIE, EITHER.
I HAVE TO WARN SUPERMAN. HE HAS TO KNOW WHAT HE COULD BE UP AGAINST.
YES. AND LOIS...
...BE CAREFUL.
SHE WHAT?
I TOLD YOU TO TAKE CARE OF LANE.
I WAS PLANNING ON IT, CONGRESSMAN.
UNTIL SHE WENT STRAIGHT TO THE APARTMENT OF THE FORMER FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES.
DO I CONTINUE TO FOLLOW HER?
WHAT, WITH THE SECRET SERVICE AT HER SIDE?
FALL BACK, MIKE.
SHE MUST HAVE TOLD LANA LANG-ROSS WHAT SHE KNOWS ABOUT ME.
YOU DON'T KNOW THAT...
A WARNING WON'T BE ENOUGH NOW, MIKE.
LOIS LANE HAS GOT TO DISAPPEAR.
FOR GOOD.

WHETHER BY CHANCE OR DESIGN, HE'S MADE IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO LEAVE THE CITY CENTER.
YIELD, ALIEN. YOU'VE BEEN DECEIVED.
THAT MEANS THIS HAS TO END. FAST.
I DON'T DO "YIELD," ADAM.
I MOSTLY DO "PAINFUL BEATDOWN."
HOW MANY CAN I PUT YOU DOWN FOR?
GET OFF HIM! HE'S MINE!
EH?
OH, NO.

I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT...YOU WANT TO BE HIS BIGGEST FAN! BUT I'M HIS BIGGEST FAN!
I'LL SCRATCH YOUR EYES OUT, PRETENDER!
ENOUGH.
ENOUGH!
:SIGH:
ALL RIGHT, WE BOTH KNOW IT'S COMING...

AAAAAHGGHH!
HAHHAHAHAHAHA! OH, MY WORD.
THIS SHOULD BE ON THE METROPOLIS TOUR, SHOWS AT TEN AND NOON, DAILY, WEATHER PERMITTING!
HAHAHA HAHA!
HAHAHAHA...
EH?
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHH!
HEADS UP, SUPERMAN!
YOU HAVE TO LOVE THAT WOMAN.
IT'S JUST IMPOSSIBLE NOT TO.
GUESS HE DOESN'T MUCH LIKE HEIGHTS.
NOW, ADAM...WE END THIS.
AGREED, SUPERMAN.
UHHHH!....

ARRRRRHHHH!

THAT WAS A PUNCH THAT WOULD HAVE SPLIT A MOON IN HALF, ADAM. YOU TOOK QUITE A RISK JUST NOW.
NO. I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T HIT A MAN IN THE BACK, SUPERMAN.
IT WAS A RISK BORN OF FAITH. FAITH IN YOU.
URP. 'SCUZE ME.
HATE TO BUST UP THE IMPENDING ARREST PARTY, BUT...
...I'M AFRAID THERE ARE A FEW DOZEN LOOSE ENDS.
LIKE THE SUPER-SKANK OVER THERE. NOW, I'M NOT SAYING I'M THE ONE WHO RUINED HER LIFE AND HER TEENY LITTLE MIDWEST BRAIN--
--BUT IF I WERE, I GUARANTEE YOU, NOT EVEN BIG GREEN MARTIAN COULD SET HER STRAIGHT.
A FIX FOR MY FREEDOM, WHAT DO YOU SAY?
SUPERMAN...I REGRET WHAT HAS COME TO PASS HERE.
BUT I GIVE YOU THE WORD OF TETH ADAM.
HE WILL NEVER DO THIS AGAIN.
AND HE WILL BE PUNISHED.
LAY OFF, BLACKIE. THE BIG MAN KNOWS ALREADY.
HE'S GOT NO CHOICE. UNLESS HE WANTS TO SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE STOPPING ALL THESE IDIOTS FROM JUMPING OFF BUILDINGS?
HE'S RIGHT.
CURSE HIM.
AND JUST LIKE THAT, I LET ONE LUNATIC INTO THE CUSTODY OF ANOTHER. NOT THE OPTIMAL SOLUTION.
BRENDAN, BABY!
YOU HORRIBLE MAN! YOU AWFUL, AWFUL MAN!
WHAT? NO KISS?
BECAUSE IT MAKES ME RESPONSIBLE.

RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY EVIL EITHER ONE OF THEM COMMITS IN THE FUTURE.
A FRIEND DID SOME RESEARCH, ADAM. I HAVE THE EVIDENCE RIGHT HERE. THE GOVERNMENT KNOWS YOU'RE FORMING A GROUP OF METAHUMAN CRIMINALS.
AND NOW, SO DO I. YOU'RE BOTH ON MY RADAR SCREEN NOW.
AND I'LL BE WATCHING.
I DON'T TAKE THAT LIGHTLY.
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THIS VIGILANT WITH YOUR MIND-WIPING JLA COMRADES, SUPERMAN.
AND REMEMBER, WE'LL BE WATCHING YOU BACK.
PRETEND I'M INTERVIEWING YOU.
AM I GOOD, OR WHAT? I GO TO LANA LOOKING FOR A GOVERNMENT FILE ON PSYCHO, AND END UP WITH A FULL-BLOWN SUPER-CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY.
DON'T FOLLOW THAT TRAIL OF BREADCRUMBS, LOIS.
THIS LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT BE DEEPLY BAD NEWS.
WE'LL SEE.
BUT ALLIES OR NO, DR. PSYCHO WILL PAY FOR THIS.
AND I'M GOING TO ENJOY IT.
THAT'S A PROMISE.
MOMMY! SUPERMAN!
CAN I GET HIS AU'GRAPH?
UH...NO, BABY.
FRANKLY, MOMMY'S A LITTLE SUPERMAN'ED OUT RIGHT NOW...

LOVELY CITY, METROPOLIS.
MAYBE I'LL RETIRE THERE AND RUIN IT.
AWWW, YOU'RE VEXED AT ME, AREN'T YOU, ADAM?
I'D HATE TO THINK YOU WERE VEXED.
YOU HYPNOTIZED THIS 'SHRAPNEL' INTO IMPLICATING ME IN YOUR TAWDRY CRUELTY.
NOW SUPERMAN BELIEVES I WAS INVOLVED.
HORRORS! SUPERMAN MIGHT THINK ILL OF YOU! WHAT SHALL WE DO?
I COULD DROP YOU, RIGHT NOW.
I'D BE SAVING THE WORLD UNTOLD MISERY.
BUT THE SOCIETY NEEDS ME, AND YOU KNOW IT.
I GAVE MY WORD.
YOU'LL HARM NO MORE INNOCENTS WHILE I'M WATCHING YOU, DEMON.
WE'LL SEE, ADAM.
WE'LL SEE.

APPROXIMATELY 60,000 MILES LATER...
GO. GO.
HAVVVVE YOU COMMMETOOOO YOURRR SENSES, CREATURRRRRE?
NO. HELLO!
ME AM WIN RACE. DISGRACE FOR NEVER!
BIZARRO KIDS GET BEAT UP AT SCHOOL FOR SHAME OF POP'S VICTORY, HOORAY!
YOOOOOUU LOST.
THAT MEEEEEAANS YOUJOIN THE SSSSOCIETY?
YES YES NO, STUPID MOST HATED CHUM! IT PERFECTLY COMPLEX!
BIZARRO NOT AGREE TO NOT JOIN IF ME NOT WIN RACE ME NOT AGREE TO RUN AGAINST JERK ME NOT LIKE. SEE?
YELLOWSUIT JUST ASK BIZARRO TO JOIN, MAKE ME AM FEEL SO WELCOME!
AHHH. ISEEEE. VERYWELLLLLL.
YOOOOU'RETHEEEE STUPIDEST IDIOTTTTTT I'VE EVERRRRRKNOWN ANDIII WISH YOOOOOU WERRRRRE DEADDDDAND ROTTTTTING?
BIZARRO AM OF COURSE NOT JOIN, NEW BEST MORON PAL!
UGHGHRRG.
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The Spectre has come for Satanus, Metropolis's resident demon, and Superman is caught in the middle! The dead will rise to protect their dark master and no one will be safe from the ghosts of their pasts...not even Lois Lane!

ALL STAR SUPERMAN (Nov. 2005): SEVEN SOLDIERS scribe **Grant Morrison**, THE AUTHORITY's **Frank Quitely**, and their WE3 collaborator **Jamie Grant** launch the second project in DC's ALL STAR line, refining the Man of Tomorrow down to his timeless elements. The creators promise a twelve-issue run that will touch on all the classic aspects of the Superman legend, starting with an incredible rescue mission on the sun that results in serious side effects for the Man of Steel! Expect ALL STAR SUPERMAN to be *the* hot book this fall!

The Hot List THIS WEEK

ALL STAR BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER #2
It's the second thrilling installment of the year's most anticipated comics event! Batman offers the newly orphaned Dick Grayson something he himself never had: retribution.

JLA #118
In Part 4 of the 5-part "Crisis of Conscience," the battle between Martian Manhunter and Despero continues, while Superman intervenes in the League's vote to mindwipe the Secret Society of Super-Villains!

SUPERGIRL #2
Supergirl vs. Superboy! After last issue's titanic tussle with Power Girl, why is Kara going toe-to-toe with the Boy of Steel? And where do the rest of the Teen Titans fit into all of this?

ENLIST IN THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS!
Talk about your brightest day – we've just learned that the GREEN LANTERN CORPS: RECHARGE creative team of **Dave Gibbons**, **Patrick Gleason** and **Christian Alamy** are powering up for a GREEN LANTERN CORPS ongoing series! Jumping forward a year from the events in RECHARGE, Kyle Rayner, Guy Gardner, and Kilowog handle the day-to-day running of the largest precinct in the DC cosmos. And wait till you see the extreme makeover their bosses, the Guardians, have given Oa! Look for the GREEN LANTERN CORPS monthly to fly into comics shops everywhere in early 2006!

GOTHAM: LIFE ON THE STREETS
As one of the creators of the Emmy-winning television series *Homicide: Life on the Street* and *Oz*, acclaimed writer **Tom Fontana** knows all about crime and law from both vantage points. But next year he's tackling those subjects from the Dark Knight's point of view, in a hardcover Batman graphic novel. Joined by **Cliff Chiang**, whose artwork in NIGHTWING and HUMAN TARGET has blown us all away, Tom has crafted a dark, gritty tale that may place Batman and Bruce Wayne on opposite sides of the law, all in an effort to save one of his few remaining allies. The book will hit shelves in late 2006, but we're confident that Tom and Cliff will have you talking about the ramifications of this story for years to come!

THE BRAVE AND THE BOWLED OVER
Well, it was another super-successful convention season this summer, and we have you, our loyal DC fans, to thank for it. As always, we appreciate everyone who came to the DC booth for signings and attended our panels in Chicago and San Diego. Projects and creators we announced this year include newly exclusive writer **Mark Waid**, who'll be providing an all-new take on THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD; **Darwyn Cooke**, who'll be writing and drawing a new ongoing starring THE SPIRIT; and artist **Tony Daniel**, whose next DC project is going to be... well... we're not saying just yet. Keep watching this space for more details.

—your Mole at 1700

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